

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: September 24, 2012

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Steven J. McDonough, Selectmen Daniel E. Donovan, III, and William F. Condra and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman McDonough.

John Shepardson attended the meeting to discuss some building issues. He played back several phone messages left on his answering machine as a result of a recent letter John sent. Bill spoke about the ordinance for unregistered vehicles. Dan asked about the Town's easement on this Maple Street property. John explained the access is for ingress and egress. Members of the Conservation Commission were at the meeting and they were asked to speak on the issue. Lynne Draper noted that the Commission had met with all the abutters beforehand and they all agreed to the terms of the easement. There was further discussion about cars and sheds on this property. Chairman McDonough stated that he thinks the property owner needs clarification on the terms of the easement. John will get Attorney Little's opinion.

Next, John updated the Board on the status of the lot on Route 31 North owned by NTV, LLC. Any clearing done that may be a violation of the Shoreland Protection Act would be enforced by the Department of Environmental Services, so at this point there is nothing that the Town needs to deal with.

John told the Board that his new hours would be as follows: He will be in his office from 9:00 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. each weekday except

Wednesday. These hours will be posted on the website. The Board thanked John.

Lynne Draper and Spencer Brookes attended the meeting to discuss the Gage Road Easement. Spencer has taken all the baseline document pictures and Ian McSweeney from the Russell Foundation is preparing the paperwork. The easement is close to being approved. The Conservation Commission is giving \$20,000 from their funds; this money was previously approved at a public hearing. Lynne talked about how the fields will be used and she stated that it is good land to be protected. The Board thanked them.

Bob Duquette was next on the agenda to discuss the letter from the Selectmen regarding the inoperative hydrants. Mr. Duquette gave the Board an update. Selectman Donovan stated that this was a serious issue; eleven hydrants being out of service. Bob stated that he was surprised to hear there were 11 or 12 that needed repair. Selectman Donovan said that the ISO rating for the Town and the residents depends on the availability of these hydrants. He reminded Bob that this is a big deal. Bob Duquette talked about the replacement cost and the plan to replace only four this year due to budget restraints. Chairman McDonough stated that he is not sure that the budget should drive which hydrants get replaced. The Town is paying the rent on them. Steve stated that Chief Dick may know the status on the hydrants, but asked who would know in his absence? Selectman Condra stated that 10% of the hydrants aren't working. Selectman Donovan stated that two months after learning about the problem not one has been fixed. Chairman McDonough suggested bringing Steve Elliot in to prioritize helping with this project if necessary. Bob Duquette said if the budget looks good in October they will get to a couple more hydrants.

The Board gave their final approval to the Hazard Mitigation Plan which will get signed by Jane and submitted.

The manifests and payroll were approved.

The minutes were approved.

Two (2) Intent-to-Cut requests were approved.

The Board approved the artwork policy as written, noting that if a requested display seemed questionable it would be reviewed by the Board.

Selectman Donovan suggested that the Fire Station Renovation Committee should hold a meeting soon because the Budget Committee will be looking for numbers.

The letter from NH Retirement showing their future increases was discussed. A copy will be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

The Board had discussions about retirement benefits for Town employees in the future, and the Salary Survey Committee that was started several years ago. Selectman Donovan thinks that committee should be organized again.

Selectman Condra made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:13 P.M. The motion was seconded and followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 P.M.

The Selectmen decided they would meet again on October 8th and then return to their regular schedule.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. followed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,

Recording Secretary